

### **REMARKS**

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-4 are now present in this application. Claims 1-3 are independent. Claims 5-12 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

#### **Priority Under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and receipt of the certified priority document.

#### **Information Disclosure Citation**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for considering the references supplied with the Information Disclosure Statements filed on March 30, 2006 and June 21, 2006, and for providing Applicant with initialed copies of the PTO-1449 or PTO-SB08 forms filed therewith.

However, the Examiner has not provided Applicant with an initialed copy of the PTO-SB08 form filed with the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 1, 2006. An initialed copy thereof is respectfully requested from the Examiner in the next Office Action.

#### **Drawings**

Since no objection has been received, Applicant assumes that the drawings are acceptable and that no further action is necessary. Confirmation thereof in the next Office Action is respectfully requested.

#### **Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner has made the Restriction Requirement final, and has withdrawn claims 5-12 from further consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 5-12. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to claims 5-12 at a later date if so desired.

**Claim Objections**

The Examiner has objected to the presence of non-elected claims. In order to overcome this objection, Applicant has cancelled non-elected claims 5-12. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-4 are allowed. This application should be in condition for allowance.

**Cited References**

Since the references cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but have merely been cited to show the state of the art, no comment need be made with respect thereto.

**Conclusion**

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone James T. Eller, Jr., Registration No. 39,538, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

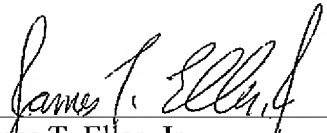
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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